

AN ERRAND TO DO.

Traveler Asked to Stop in Texas on His Way from Chicago to New York.

One brother is a rich merchant in the Southwestern States, and the other brother is a poor man, until a few weeks ago, the poor man was a poor man in South Chicago street, says the Chicago Tribune.

The merchant sent to the cook a draft for sufficient money to pay his expenses out to Asia, and the cook gave up his job and started for the home of the wealthy merchant, which accompanied the draft.

In the first place the draft was made payable in New York.

"I send you the money in a draft payable in New York," wrote the brother from far off Asia. "You can go over and get it cashed there. On the way I wish you would stop at Texas and see brother Thomas. I haven't heard from him for two years now, and I'd like to know how he's getting along."

Stops the Cough

and works off the cold. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25 cents.

Pearl Peach—Here is 10 cents, but I hate to encourage you to drink. Weary Walker—All I need is money. Do encourage me to drink. —N. Y. Sun.

Never fail to do most of the talking, as the others must be tired of the sound of their own voices. —N. Y. Herald.

Do not believe Plan's Cure for Consumption. It has an equal for coughs and colds. —N. O. Times Democrat.

Three solid through trains daily Chicago to California. Chicago, Union Pacific & North-Western Line.

The restless are seldom restless. —Ran's Horn.

The Teacher Won.

Hinton, Ky., Nov. 2.—For over two years two of the best physicians in this part of the State have been treating Mr. E. J. Thompson, a popular local school teacher, for Diabetes. They told him that but little could be done to help him. He made up his mind to try a new remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills and says:

"They saved me when the doctors held out no hope. I took, in all, about ten boxes. I will always praise Dodd's Kidney Pills for the great good they have done for me."

Many people, and some physicians, still persist in the belief that Diabetes is an incurable disease. Our teacher, Mr. Thompson, says it is curable, for Dodd's Kidney Pills cured him after two good physicians had treated him for two years without success.

A remedy that will cure Diabetes will surely cure any case of Kidney Trouble.

Sweet Shop Story.

The visitors were being guided through the big knitting factory.

"Who is that weary looking person standing by that machine?"

"That is one of the persons who knit the sweaters."

"And that well fed individual sitting in the big office, with a cigar in his mouth?"

"That is one of the firm that swats the knitters."

Thereupon the visitors decided that that factory was where he would get his next sweater—nit. —Baltimore American.

"Get Your Color Scheme."

Then write us, enclosing two-cent stamp for postage, for attractive and interesting book let bearing on the Southwestern territories and its marvelous development. Interesting reading, suggestive ideas. Address, George Morison, G. P. & T. A., M. & K. R. Y., Suite K, Westinghouse Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

Throw all you care in the deep, deep sea. And thereafter do not go fishing. —N. O. Times Democrat.

Three trains a day Chicago to California. Union Pacific & North-Western Line.

Fair words never hurt the tongue. —Chapman.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson in the International Series for November 8, 1903—David's Grief Over Absalom.

THE LESSON TEXT.

(2 Sam. 18:33.)

24 And David sat between the two gates; and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and stood up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone.

25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, "If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near."

26 And the watchman saw another man running; and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, "Behold another man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings."

27 And the watchman said, "He thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings."

28 And Ahimaz called, and said unto the king, "Alas! I am well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the Lord thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king."

29 And the king said, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" And Ahimaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant, and he came, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was."

30 And the king said unto him, "Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still. And the king said, 'Behold, Cushi came; and Cushi said, Tidings, my lord the king: for the Lord hath avenged thy name today of all them that rose up against thee.'"

31 And the king said unto Cushi, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" And Cushi answered, "The Lord thy God hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is."

32 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he wept, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

GOLDEN TEXT.—A foolish son is a grief to his father.—Prov. 17:25.

OUTLINE OF SCRIPTURE SECTION.

David's Flight. —2 Sam. 15:16-17, 23-24. The Battle and Death of Absalom. —2 Sam. 18:1-23. Waiting for the News. —2 Sam. 18:24-27. The Father's Grief for his Son. —2 Sam. 18:28-32.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

(2 Sam. 15:13-17, 23.) David might have attempted to defend Jerusalem against Absalom, but was unprepared, and unsuccessful resistance would have meant the sacking of the city and the horrors that invariably accompany a sack. Notice throughout the account that David was thoughtful for others. No part of the history throws more light on his real character than does this story of his flight, and at no time was his heart more kindly and his spirit more admirable than in this time of his extremity.

Note (1) his thought for Jerusalem (15:14); (2) his generous treatment of Ittai, captain of a detachment of his famous foreign bodyguard (15:19-22); (3) the sending back of the ark (15:25, 26); contrasting David's reasonable view of the situation with the superstitious ideas of former generations; (4) the king's treatment of Shimei (16:9-13; 19:16-23). Though David was now an elderly man, and had of late retired more and more from active public life, his old energy and diplomatic skill returned to him at this time. He himself planned every detail of the campaign.

(Ch. 18:1-23.) Before the decisive battle was fought Absalom reigned three months at Jerusalem. David had fortified himself at Mahanaim, across the Jordan from Jerusalem. During this time both were making preparations for the struggle, but the delay strengthened David far more than it did Absalom. The account of the battle is clear. While the army of the usurper was probably the larger, it lacked discipline. With David were the famous generals Joab, Abishai and Ittai, with the no less famous "Old Guard" of 600 mighty men.

(Vs. 24-27.) One thing is very clear—it was the loving father and not the outraged king that was supreme in David as he sat by the gate and wept bitterly, waiting for news of the battle. "If he be alone there is tidings," if he were fleeing there would be others with him. "A good man," good tidings. Ahimaz was David's friend, and his eagerness to be the bearer of the news was considered a good sign by the king.

(Vs. 28-32.) "All is well." David knew that could not be, for to his fatherly heart victory would be almost as bitter as defeat. David's only reply to what was good news to others was the question, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" "Went up to the chamber over the gate." To be alone. Comment upon the pathetic passage that follows would be superfluous. Our cherished idea of David the king is of the serene psalmist, with harp in hand, praising God. What must David's idea of himself have been as he bowed his head alone in the chamber over the gate that day—the head whose gray hairs told the tale of the heart-breaking sorrows of these last years? What had his life been? What kind of a father had he been? What example had he set his sons? They had inherited his own weaknesses and passions without his virtues. What could he expect of the children of the harem? For it he had neglected his kingly duties, and he had been indulgent and weak in the government of his children. There is no more tremendous sermon on the inexcusableness of God's law of crime and effect than the simple story of the tragedy of David's life. Penitent and forgiven and the friend of God though he was, he knew that he was reaping what he had sown.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

Ill deeds, whether sown by saint or sinner, produce a large crop of evil results.

The end of wickedness is destruction and infamy.

As David felt toward Absalom, so does the Heavenly Father feel toward each one of His rebellious sons.

A vacant mind is open to all suggestions, as the hollow mountain returns (echoes) all sounds.

Riches come better after poverty than poverty after riches.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A woman's favorite word is always the last one.

Gen. Charles A. Whitaker, of Boston, who has just returned from a tour of the world, traveled over the Trans-Siberian railroad, a distance of 6,000, in 14 days, which is about 430 miles a day.

A Norwegian schooner has arrived at Bergen from Spitzbergen with nearly 300 tons of good steam coal on board. The coal was found near the shore. Further prospecting has been arranged.

HE TOOK PIE IN HIS.

Kentucky Senator Had to Keep in Line with the Soft Drinks.

When it comes to story telling, Congress man Samuel L. Powers, of Newton, can hold his own with any of them. The other night he related one which was much appreciated by those who heard it, at the Boston Post. The story is about Senators Blackburn and Fairbanks and Secretary of the Treasury Shaw. When the latter first came to Washington Senator Blackburn had some business with the secretary, and while in the office met Senator Fairbanks. After the business was concluded Senator Blackburn invited the other two to have a libation, and they accepted.

They had a glass against the bar of the Riggs house, turning to Secretary Shaw, Senator Blackburn said: "What will you have, Mr. Secretary?" "Well, I guess I'll have a glass of lemonade," was the reply. The gentleman from Kentucky then turned to Senator Fairbanks and said: "And what will you have, senator?" "I'll have a glass of Moxie," was the reply. The bartender leaned over the counter and said to Senator Blackburn: "And what's the name of the book?" "Oh," said the distinguished gentleman from the blue grass state, "I guess I'll have a piece of squash pie."

Books She Admired Most.

When Tolstoi was in the Crimea recently, a rich American arrived in his yacht with a party of friends and asked permission to call on the great Russian. Leave was granted on condition that Tolstoi, who was quite weak and ill, should not be troubled with talk. One woman visitor could not restrain her conversational propensity, but said in a quivering voice: "I have read all your writings have influenced my life, but the one which taught me most was—"

"The Dead Souls," was the eager reply. "Yes," said the eager reply. "I have read 'The Dead Souls,' 'I wrote that book, not I.'"

Significant.

Margaret's father and mother, whose home was in New York city, had arranged to take a long talk of trip to Chicago. The night before they were to start on their western journey, Margaret's mother told the little girl that she must go to bed early, as she would have to be up by daylight the next morning.

Margaret very obediently consented to prepare for bed. When her dress had been taken off and her nightgown put on, she knelt to say her prayers. She closed her petition as follows:

"Good-by, God! Good-by, angels! Good-by! Good-by! I'm going to Chicago tomorrow! Woman's Home Companion."

Sold by the Shock.

A farmer went on a visit to a friend. After dinner the husbandman requested to be shown round the town.

After visiting several places, they finally reached the electric lighting works. "What do you call this place, Dan?" queried the farmer.

"This is called the electric plant," was the reply.

"Plant! What do they grow?"

"They grow currents."

"How do they sell 'em—by the bushel?"

"They don't sell 'em by the bushel; they sell 'em by the shock." —Stray Stories.

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via Missouri Pacific Railway and Iron Mountain Route. Choice of Central route through Colorado or via the True Southern Route through Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico sleeper to Los Angeles. Only line operating through sleeping cars, St. Louis to San Francisco. Tourist service to California four days in the week. For rates and full information address any agent of Missouri Pacific Railway, or Iron Mountain Route, or H. C. Townsend, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, St. Louis.

Ought to Learn.

"Ah!" he said, as he led her back to her seat after the waltz, "I just love dancing."

"Well," she replied, as she attempted to repair a torn flower, "you're not too old to learn." —Philadelphia Press.

Salesman Wanted.

As general agent in this and adjacent counties by an old, established firm with the most profitable line of goods, for the salesman, that is sold on the road to-day. Must furnish \$1,000. Year's contract. \$60 to \$80 per month, net. Bond, or \$50 cash required. Chance for advancement. Only hustlers wanted. Address: Alexander & Company, Box "K," Greensburg, Indiana.

Money in Shoes.—Shoe Dealer—"It won't pay me to handle these shoes on such a small margin. Drummer—"I know the profits are small; but, my dear sir, just look at the hat and the coat and the suit they are wearing. They are made very badly, miserable stuff, too—won't last a week." "That's it, that's it. You'll sell five pairs of these shoes to one of any others." —N. Y. Weekly.

Mr. Jones.—"It is useless my arguing with a woman who says she is a saint." Mrs. Jones—"I never made any such assertion, and it's utterly cruel and unkind of you to say so. I did not say I was always right; I simply asserted that I was never wrong!" —Compton.

A sore head is a sign of a shallow one. —Putnam.

Faded Dress color more goods, per package, than others.

The secret of success is constancy to purpose. —Disraeli.

MARKET REPORT.

Cincinnati, Nov. 3.

CATTLE—Common \$2.50 @ 3.25

Heavy steers 4.10 @ 4.75

CALVES—Extra 6.75 @ 7.00

HOGS—Ch. packers 5.15 @ 5.20

Mixed packers 4.35 @ 5.10

SHEEP—Extra 3.05 @ 3.15

LAMBS—Extra 5.25 @ 5.50

FLOUR—Spring pat. 4.50 @ 4.95

WHEAT—No. 2 red. 86 1/2 @ 87 1/2

No. 3 winter 85 1/2 @ 86 1/2

CORN—No. 2 mixed. 36 1/2 @ 37 1/2

OATS—No. 2 mixed. 36 1/2 @ 37 1/2

RYE—No. 2 61 1/2 @ 62 1/2

HAY—Ch. timothy 13.00 @ 13.10

PORK—Clear family 16.50 @ 16.75

LARD—Steam 12 1/2 @ 12 3/4

Choice creamery 24 @ 25

APPLES—Fancy 2.50 @ 2.75

POTATOES—Per bbl 2.15 @ 2.25

TOBACCO—New 3.50 @ 3.60

Old 5.00 @ 5.50

Chicago.

FLOUR—Winter pat. 4.00 @ 4.20

WHEAT—No. 2 red. 82 1/2 @ 83 1/2

No. 3 spring 80 1/2 @ 81 1/2

CORN—No. 2 mixed. 41 1/2 @ 42 1/2

OATS—No. 2 mixed. 35 1/2 @ 36 1/2

RYE—No. 2 61 1/2 @ 62 1/2

PORK—Mess 11.50 @ 11 3/4

LARD—Steam 6 1/2 @ 6 3/4

New York.

FLOUR—Win. str. 3.95 @ 4.10

WHEAT—No. 2 red. 87 1/2 @ 88 1/2

CORN—No. 2 mixed. 40 1/2 @ 41 1/2

OATS—No. 2 mixed. 42 @ 43

RYE—Western 13.25 @ 13 3/4

LARD—Mess 13 @ 13 1/2

Baltimore.

WHEAT—No. 2 red. 84 1/2 @ 85 1/2

CORN—No. 2 mixed. 49 1/2 @ 50 1/2

OATS—No. 2 mixed. 40 @ 41

RYE—Western 13.25 @ 13 3/4

LARD—Mess 13 @ 13 1/2

Louisville.

WHEAT—No. 2 red. 85 @ 86

CORN—No. 2 mixed. 45 @ 46

OATS—No. 2 mixed. 40 @ 41

RYE—Western 13.25 @ 13 3/4

LARD—Mess 13 @ 13 1/2

Indianapolis.

WHEAT—No. 2 red. 84 1/2 @ 85 1/2

CORN—No. 2 mixed. 44 1/2 @ 45 1/2

OATS—No. 2 mixed. 39 1/2 @ 40 1/2



How a Farmer was freed from Misery

ORTHY of a higher recommendation than I can find words to express.

This is what Mr. J. H. Plangman (of Sherman, Tex.) says of Doan's Kidney Pills. He tells his experience in the following words: He says, "some time in September I was taken with a dull aching pain across the small of my back, directly over the kidneys. I paid most attention to this at first, thinking it would pass off. But instead of getting better it became worse and in a short time the pain centered through my left hip and down my left leg as far as the knee."

This is precisely what kidney trouble will do with the body. It does not always express itself in those who have been suffering from kidney trouble and who have been fortunate enough to find the merits of Doan's Kidney Pills.

There is nothing wonderful or magical about this remedy, it simply does the work by direct action on the kidneys only and this accounts for their speedy and certain action.

Early indications of kidney trouble come from two sources, the back and the bladder. The back becomes weak and lame because the kidneys are sick, and relief from backache can only be complete when the kidneys are set right.

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However, necessity knows no law and Mr. Plangman paid half down and took the treatment and followed it faithfully for four weeks.

Naturally, he thought that he would soon be rid of the trouble, but in spite of the doctoring he goes on to add, "I was in such misery that it was almost impossible for me to do my work."

"It was at this juncture that Doan's Kidney Pills came to my notice and I procured some from the drug store of C. E. Craycroft. I used these pills according to directions and to my surprise I was considerably relieved on the second day, and in a short time completely cured."

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